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POLITICS

Dornan's subpoenas rejected

Election: Among items that Dornan sought were records of 168,000 past and present Rancho Santiago College students.

By Monica Hernandez
el Don Staff Writer

The investigation surrounding allegations of voter fraud against Rep. Loretta Sanchez has reached Rancho Santiago College.

In a recent county-wide blanket of subpoenas from Robert K. Dornan, searching for information as far back as 1994, several subpoenas for student records were served on RSC. Subpoenas have been served on Hermandad Mexicana Nacional, the organization under investigation for allowing

illegal immigrants to register and vote before they became citizens, several state, local and federal agencies, some political and private groups.

Sanchez was subpoenaed for 40 items, Hermandad was subpoenaed for 48 items and Rancho Santiago College, who provided English language, and citizenship classes was subpoenaed for the student records of more than 168,000 students since 1994.

"It's mind-boggling," Cole said. "The subpoena was so general. They want everything since 1994."

The subpoenas were asking other Orange County organizations for immense quantities of information such as, bank, telephone, employee and client records, memos, and correspondence to and from political campaign groups. The information sought by Dornan was requested to be supplied by Friday, March 7 in preparation for the House oversight

-Vivian Blevins
RSC Chancellor

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Have women come a long way, baby? Yes, they've got their own cigarette now. They attained the right to vote in 1920, and they comprise 46 percent of the work force. They can pursue their dreams and become anything they want to be.

Sound good? Well, in many ways it is. But there is still a fundamental issue left. Yes, in spite of all the ground gained and the fruits of many battles, there is still something women must grapple with, something that is at the root of many of their contemporary struggles.

That something is respect.

Just stop and think about it. Is it so surprising that women seek pride in being born a woman? From the time a baby girl is born and grows into an adult, she hears society's continuous message:

She is only a woman. And somehow, no matter what she attains or what she does, she is first a woman, and she is not going to be able to forget it. It impacts her at church, at school, where she works. She meets with it on the streets. She walks hurriedly past it when its casual arrows cause her pain.

"This is the fundamental issue," said Georgia Summers,

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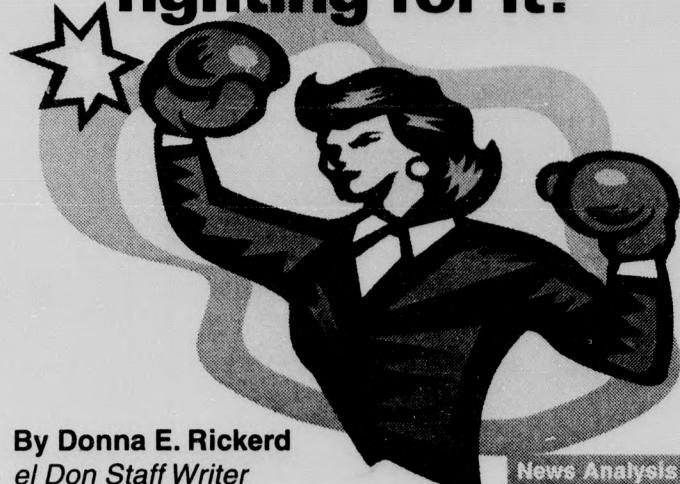
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Why are women still fighting for it?



By Donna E. Rickard
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News Analysis

a professor of women's studies at Rancho Santiago College, "and it is at the root of our cultural underpinning, the foundation of what we think."

"Many men don't understand why women complain," she said. "But it is always that way when one group looks in from the outside. The view is limited, and can be confusing. Men say they don't know what women want."

But women want respect as a person. This means respect of one's body, that it is not something to be evaluated, or disparaged. It means respect of one's value, and respect of one's abilities."

Long History

Few dispute that women have a long history of being subordinated by men. Most dominant cultures have been patriarchal, although some instances of matriarchy exist. The mass of these cultures have limited the power of women in their political, social, and religious organizations.

Women continue to lack political representation, are underpaid for equal work, and are barred in many major religions from positions of authority.

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THE OTHER DUCKMAN

First baseman Kevin Duck is at a crossroads: One road leads to Houston, the other to Fullerton.
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NEWS BRIEFS

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CLINTON CLAMPS CASH FOR CLONING

WASHINGTON-While cloning sheep and monkeys is an apparent success, scientist should hold off mixing cells in petri dishes to duplicate human beings, President Clinton said.

In his first detailed statement on cloning, the president banned federally supported human cloning and urged private labs to impose a similar moratorium.

"Any discovery that touches upon human creation is not simply a matter of scientific inquiry, it is a matter of morality and spirituality as well," Clinton told a March 4 news conference.

In February, Scottish researchers disclosed that they had cloned a sheep named Dolly using adult tissue. Oregon scientists later announced that they had cloned rhesus monkeys from embryos.

The president said he has asked his National Bioethics Advisory Commission to review the legal and ethical implications of human cloning, and make a report within 90 days.

Although breakthroughs in animal cloning could result in significant advances in medicine, the president noted "like the splitting of the atom, this is a discovery that carries burdens as well as benefits."

-College Press Service

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MS WALK

The Orange County chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is seeking enthusiastic people to become team captains and volunteers for the upcoming MS Walk for Multiple Sclerosis which will take place on Sunday, April 13.

The one-day event will be held in the cities of Brea, Huntington Beach and Newport Beach. The ideal candidates for the MS Walk team captains are those who are willing to recruit friends, loved ones and co-workers to walk and raise funds for the fight against MS. For volunteer positions, one must help on Walk Day, and in the office in preparation for the event.

The National MS Society is the largest and oldest voluntary organization that maintains more support and research services than any voluntary organization in the world. For more information, call (714) 752-1680.

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MURAL ARTIST TO SPEAK AT RSC

One of the supervising artists of the largest mural in the world, Bernardo Munoz, will be the guest speaker at the RSC Art Forum.

"The Wash Mural", 450 meters long and four meters high located in a Los Angeles concrete flood control channel, was created as part of the city-wide mural project where rival gangs were brought in to show that art could be used as a unifying force.

Munoz, who was in high school when he supervised "The Wash Mural", has also been involved in projects for Donald Trump's Taj Majal Hotel in Atlantic City and the Lost City facility in South Africa.

The forum will take place on Monday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in room C-104 at the Santa Ana Campus. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Fine and Performing Arts office at (714) 564-5600.

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WINDOWS 3.1 FOR KIDS

College for kids program will host a basic windows class on Saturday, March 22, at 1 p.m. The three hour class will teach students, ages 8 to 12-years-old how to: configure the windows desktop, manage files and documents, create letters, reports and graphics and use the help feature.

The fee for the class is \$30. Students will be required to sign a "classroom conduct agreement." Class will be held in room B-18 at the Santa Ana Campus. For more information call (714) 564-6220

LEADING THE WAY

Profile: Newly elected ASG President Elvia Rubalcava

By Christiana Jackson
el Don Staff Writer

A smile graces the face of Elvia Rubalcava as she discusses the role of women today in American society. Rubalcava, ASG President, has learned from the efforts of women like Betty Friedan and Susan B. Anthony. But there is one woman who has been a significant role model in her life. Her mom.

"I'm proud of my mom," Rubalcava says.

She explains how her mother and father separated less than three years ago. Before the separation, her mom had never owned a check book. Today, she pays the bills, is working, and going back to school.

Rubalcava explains that her mom has to work to support the family. However, she is excited by the fact that her mother enjoys her work and is going to college to become a pre-school aide.

Her mother's positive attitude has taught Rubalcava not to worry about struggling to have it all. She has learned that if life doesn't go exactly as planned that everything won't fall apart. She has learned that she can be self sufficient.

Rubalcava considers herself a feminist. She defines a feminist as an individual who believes in equal opportunity and actually fights for it. She does not let this limit her to fighting solely for women's causes. She believes in preserving civil liberties and the equality of all people.

"I think that there is a misconception of the Feminist movement. I haven't been able to attend any NOW (National Organization for Women) meetings because of other responsibilities, but I know people who are feminists. They hesitate to say they believe in the cause because they don't want to be labeled a feminist," Rubalcava said.

She explains that people automatically think feminists are ei-



ther lesbians or shrews.

"Wasn't Rush Limbaugh the one who coined the term Femi-Nazi? He's a great source to describe feminism," Rubalcava said.

Misconceptions about feminism fail to discourage her. She believes that eventually women will gain total equality with men. She refers to her role models Friedan, Anthony, and Hillary Clinton who have helped promote the idea that a woman's world is larger than their living room. She is not discounting women who stay at home and raise a family but points out that those who want more are now free to pursue their dreams.

Although she believes women will eventually achieve equality, she does not think the Equal Rights Amendment will pass anytime soon. She points out that women were barely given the right to vote in 1920 and that many high profile men and women will oppose the ERA.

In order for women to achieve equality, she believes that women need more role models who are in high positions. Also, the media needs to start recognizing these

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women. She asks why the media only shows women firefighters who are not successful instead of the ones who are.

She is determined to be a role model herself one day. She used to want to make a six figure income and be successful. Today, she has decided it is more important to make a contribution to society.

"I had so many opportunities that I want to work in my community in Santa Ana and help the people who are here. I just want to give back to my community," Rubalcava says.

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Owner apologizes for insult

Boycott: Students present demands to store owners, Southland Corp.

By Stacy Bush
el Don Staff Writer

Although Pavinder Grewal, owner of the local 7-Eleven on Bristol and Washington streets, came to apologize Wednesday for his employee's racial slur towards RSC counselor Lidia Turner, Grewal and Turner's stories of what happened that day are conflicting.

"He treated me like the black dog his employee called me," Turner said. "He told me to get out or he'd kick me out." Grewal was upset at Turner for disrupting business and threatened to call the police, but a witness, Eva Castion, called the police from the pay phone outside the store.

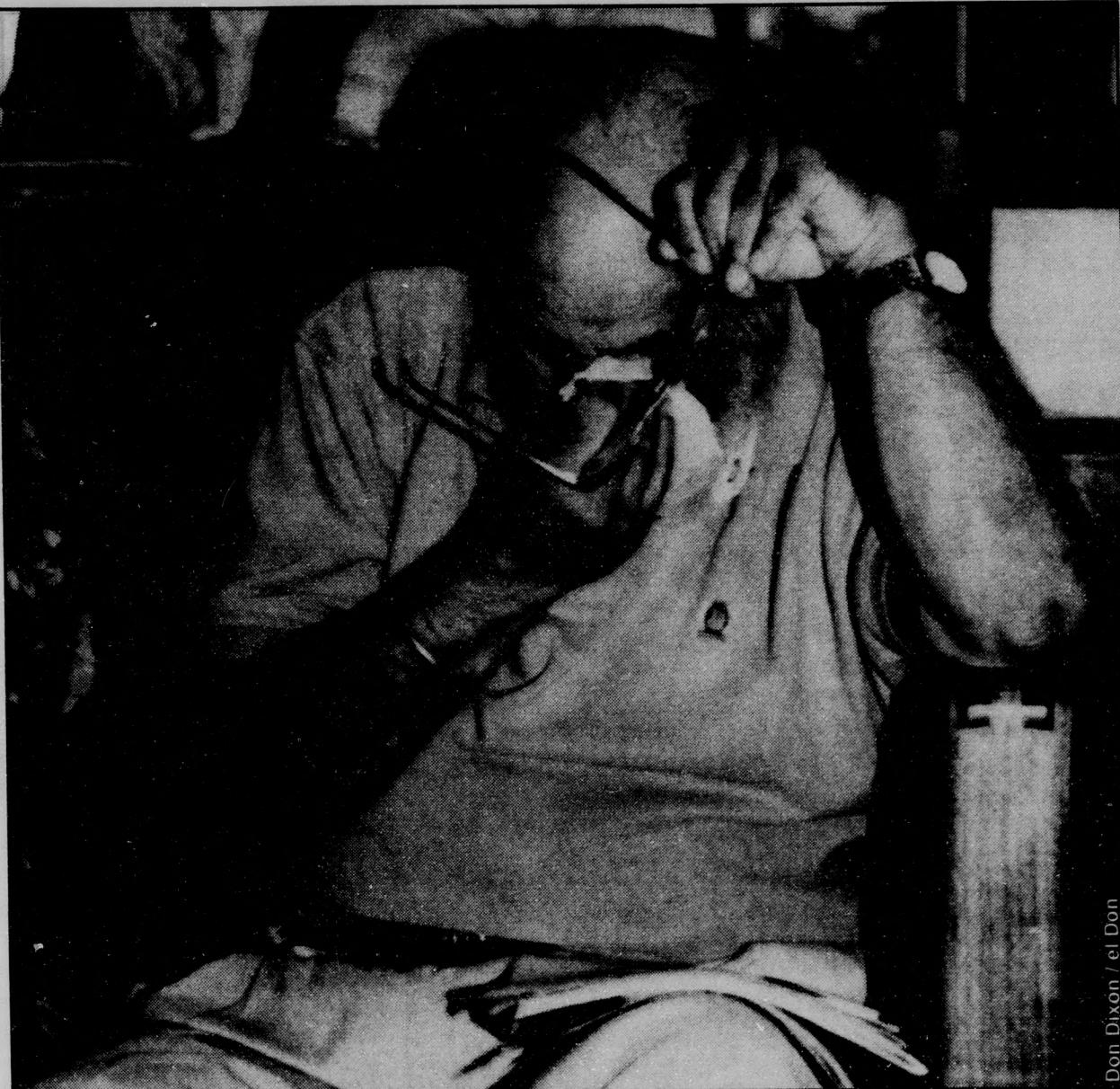
When Grewal, accompanied by his wife Shari and officials from the Southland Corporation met with concerned students, he denied such disrespect towards Turner and his threats to call the police.

"When I arrived at the store, there were people standing in the doorway, and I asked them to move aside," he said. After hearing the police were on their way, he asked what the problem was, but received no response.

Grewal said that he waited to speak to Turner until the police arrived, and gave his apologies to her, but denied asking her to leave the store for disrupting business.

According to Turner she did receive an apology from the employee and the store owner, but in her opinion, it was insincere. All she has really wanted was a sincere apology from the owner, face to face, and has yet to receive it. She has received a letter of apology from the Southland Corporation, signed by their officials, but not Grewal. Nor has she been formally invited by the corporation to the two meetings that have been held.

At the last meeting, the Grewals presented a personal letter of apology asking for the students con-



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7-Eleven store owner Pavinder Grewal experiences an emotional moment during a meeting with student activists regarding last week's racial slur incident at his store.

tinual support, stated their personal interests in the battle against racism and provided a list of their personal involvements within the community.

With this, the students and the franchisees came to an agreement to take a proactive stand on racism together.

"I know the suffering and I have been hurt," Grewal said. As a middle-eastern immigrant, he is part of a minority himself.

The Grewals said they have been serving the community for five years at the 7-Eleven on Bristol and Washington streets. They expressed their embarrassment and feelings of shame for the employees' disrespect to Turner and the community as a whole.

Students then presented a list of requests to the Southland Corporation and the franchisees, some of which included: a cultural sensitivity training program; two \$500 scholarships funded by the Southland Corporation for students who demonstrate community activism against racism; a 10 percent discount at 7-Eleven for students and faculty; and a racism forum co-sponsored by the franchisees. They also demanded a written response to each of the requests.

All of these requests, McKinney said, "will help bring about an awareness in the community."

The Southland Corporation was receptive to the student's concerns and were open minded to such programs as cultural sensitivity train-

ing and scholarship funds.

Jana Frazier, Assistant Market Manager, said that their current customer service training program emphasized treating every customer with respect. Frazier stressed the companies involvement within the community, supporting groups such as the Urban Assistance League, Minorities in Business and commended the students' involvement and their persistence on such issues.

"Students want your word that we are building trust in the community," McKinney said, and the officials agreed.

The incident involving Turner initiated the students to unite with the local franchisees, yet Turner still believes that she has not received the apology she deserves.

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Committee's hearing scheduled in Orange County April 19.

Based on legal advice, RSC contends that the subpoenas violate provisions of the federal Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA), which seeks to protect the privacy rights of college students.

"We feel it is fundamentally unfair and an abuse of the process established by Congress to bring RSC and its students into the middle of an election dispute," Chancellor Vivian Blevins said.

FERPA would require the college to notify each individual that their records have been subpoenaed. With over 168,000 students the notification process would be burdensome and an inefficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Sanchez immediately filed objections with the U.S. District Court. The objections asked the court to have Dornan state the grounds for needing all the information requested. It also asked for an investigation into Dornan's legal right to some of the information. Bill Fogarty of the Orange County Central Labor Council said that Dornan's request for items such as membership lists are protected under the Privacy Act.

Dornan's attorneys say the need for the information is to provide a complete understanding of the circumstances surrounding Sanchez's election.

On Friday, March 7, U.S. District judge, Gary Taylor granted the request of Sanchez's local attorney, recalling all subpoenas issued by Dornan.

Cole said that the district relations office is pleased with the latest development and is simply waiting along with everyone else for Dornan's next step.

"We will do anything and everything necessary to protect the privacy of our students," Cole said.

Dornan / Sanchez Timeline

Nov. 15, 1996
Dornan losing to Sanchez by 984 votes.
Nov. 27, 1996
Sanchez officially declared the winner.
Dec. 2, 1996
Dornan formally requests a recount.
Dec. 3, 1996
Registrar officially certifies Sanchez victory.
Dec. 10, 1996
Recount effort started. Dornan asks for financial support.
Dec. 15, 1996
District Attorney, Michael Capizzi opens voter fraud investigation.
Dec. 20, 1996
Recount shows Dornan lost by 979 votes.
Jan. 25, 1997
Capizzi orders search warrant of Hermandad Mexicana Nacional.
Feb. 8, 1997
Dornan attorneys claim proof of 1,700 illegal votes.
Feb. 20, 1997
Computer analysis of records by The Orange County Register finds evidence of 184 illegal votes.
Feb. 25, 1997
Dornan attorneys file over 50 subpoenas in Orange County.
Feb. 26, 1997
Congressional task force rules that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant formal voter fraud hearings.
March 4, 1997
Congressional hearing in Orange County is scheduled for April 19 to determine if further action will be taken.
March 7, 1997
Dornan's demand for records is ruled illegal and subpoenas are denied.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

RESPECT:

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Consider these facts:

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics determined that a woman earns 74 cents to a man's dollar. Only four CEOs of Fortune 1000 companies are women.

- One million women are victims of domestic violence each year, according to the Justice Department's National Crime Victimization Survey.

- A 1995 United Nations Report found that compared to other countries, rape statistics for women in the U.S. were extraordinarily high.

- More than one-half of all women who work report they have been sexually harassed. Not only did they meet it in the workplace, they reported teachers, attorneys, doctors and clergy.

As far as press attention, women are involved in 15 percent of front page news stories. Of the women covered, over half were victims or perpetrators of crimes. Women in power received little coverage, and made up less than one percent of reference in front page political stories.

In the field of sports, women are more discriminated against. Less than 10 percent of Sports Illustrated's pages focus on women's athletic achievements. Women get the most notice when they pose for the "swimsuit" issue, earning over \$50 million for Time Warner Corporation.

"Athletics are important for women and girls—to build health, self-esteem, and leadership skills," according to Molly Yard, a former president of the National Organization for Women, and chair of the task force for expanding opportunities for women in athletics. "Yet only 30 percent of college athletic scholarship money goes to women, with 70 percent to men. Televised late-night sports news coverage gives five percent coverage to women, and 94 percent to men."

However, there is good news.

More women are forming their own businesses.

Women are also increasing their numbers among college graduates. In 1992, women earned 54 percent of bachelor's degrees and 44 percent of doctoral degrees in 1994.

Women are now one of three college athletes competing in intercollegiate sports.

And women are demanding 50 percent representation in state legislatures and the United States Congress, in efforts to level the political playing field and further women's rights issues.

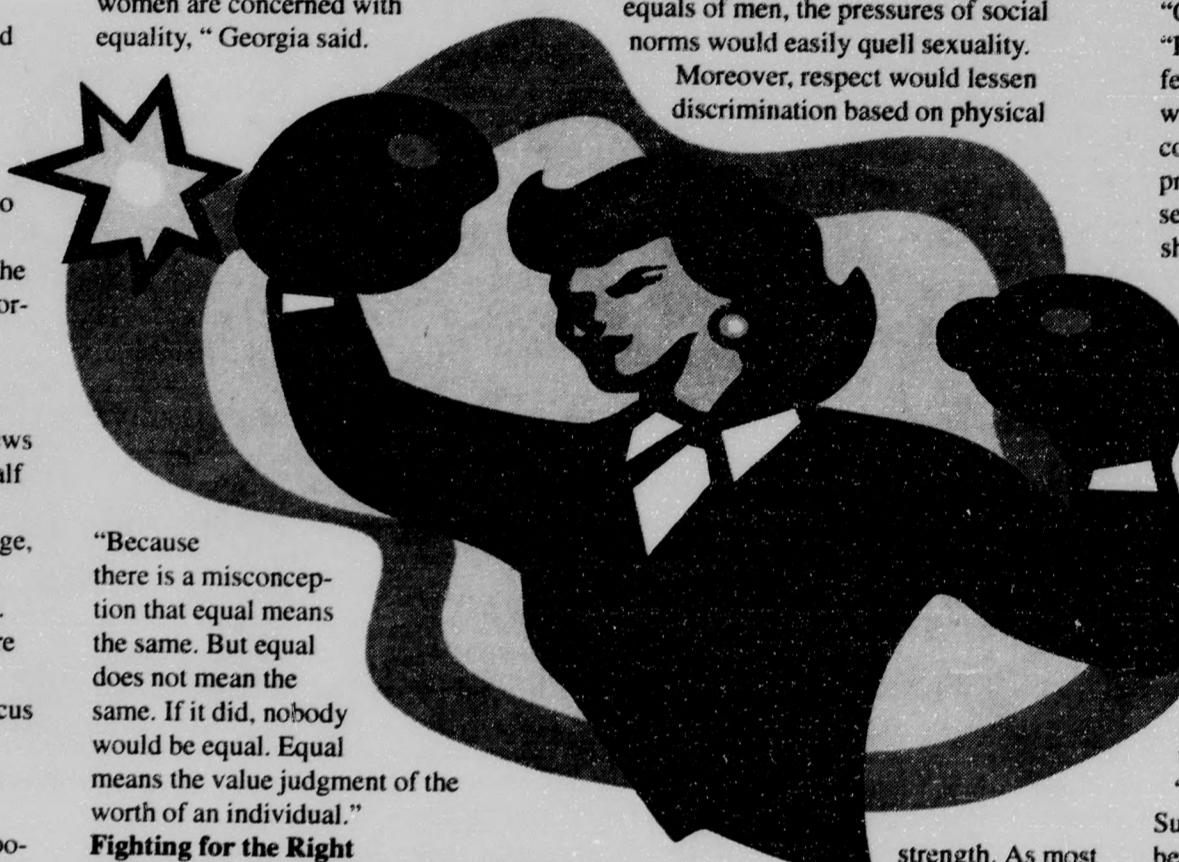
"Men say they don't understand why women are concerned with equality," Georgia said.

Why is respect at the crux of women's struggles?

Because the inequalities of men and women are basically caused by differences in respect for men and women. While many other justifications (such as differences in physical strength, matters of sexuality, and disparate aptitudes) are given, they are simply masks for the true basis for the inequality. If women were not seen differently than men in intellectual, professional, and social arenas, there wouldn't be any gender discrimination.

After all, if women were respected as equals of men, the pressures of social norms would easily quell sexuality.

Moreover, respect would lessen discrimination based on physical



"Because there is a misconception that equal means the same. But equal does not mean the same. If it did, nobody would be equal. Equal means the value judgment of the worth of an individual."

Fighting for the Right

Inherently, women should receive the same deference given a man by virtue of being human. In the fight for physical rights (women were people, not property), women struggled to achieve respect for their bodies and fundamental needs. In the fight for property and inheritance rights, women fought for the respect that they could control their own welfare and possess property and wealth. To win voting rights, women argued for respect for their judgment. Consequent struggles were respect for women's potential, intelligence, leadership, and creativity.

strength. As most interactions and employment don't demand striking feats of physical strength, this reason for the differences in status and positions available to women is inadequate.

Additionally, physical strength, with some stronger and more athletically capable than the average man. Also, many men are out of shape and not physically strong, making gender an insufficient indicator of physical strength and physical strength an inadequate reason for gender inequities.

In a similar way, aptitude would be

unrelated to gender with equal respect. We've heard that certain parts of a woman's brain are smaller than a man's, that women just don't have a "head" for math. But ability is the indicator of ability, and gender should not figure into measuring aptitude.

Many women sympathize with the efforts of NOW and other feminist organizations working to effect needed change. But feminism itself is suffering from a bad name. This is because it has split into so many different factions that nobody really understands it anymore. "Get out of the way," we hear an aside. "Here comes a (often attributed lesbian) feminist." The picture drawn is one of woman on a warpath. But the original concept was "equality of opportunity in private and public life". That message seems to be lost, resulting in many women shying away from the "feminist" label.

Too often we get caught in the "battle between the sexes." Our minds fill with clichés, causing confusion, fear and hostility between the sexes. This happens because society has a propensity for creating stereotypes that people continuously fall back on. "However, we do not all fit the basis for that stereotype," Summers pointed out. Such stereotyping also has a hidden, heavy impact: it limits human choices and happiness. We become trapped in learned ways of living, directing our behavior rather than letting us choose.

"Such prejudices are deep seated," Summers said, "but they are overcomable because we are not born with it. It is something we pick up, that we learn in society, and if learning changes, attitudes and values will change."

Gloria Davenport, Ph.D., and former counselor at Rancho, said women need to claim their personal power when facing prejudice.

"This power comes in your choice of how you respond to anything that is said or done," she said. "If you can change it, do it. If you can't do anything about it, let it go. The point is, don't let it get to you. Your real choice (and power) is in how you let it effect you."

Women's History Month celebrates pioneer spirit

By Christiana Jackson
el Don Staff Writer

There are a lot of celebrations that take place in March. Some people may be taking out their green jeans for St. Patrick's day. While others may be making travel plans for Spring Break. There is another cause for celebration.

March has been designated Women's History Month. A time to acknowledge and reflect upon the important contributions women have made in American history. For some this brings to mind revisionist history or that dreaded f-word "Feminism." If one is described as a feminist, they are often characterized as over-bearing or a lesbian. These concepts are false. Feminism is merely believing that women deserve the same rights and opportunities as men.

Today, women's roles are changing in American society. In the 17th Century, women were viewed as less pious than men and as seductresses. They were expected to

defer to their husbands. However, as church membership among men in America declined women were perceived as more pious than men. Women were then placed on a pedestal.

The first time female congregants were viewed as pious by ministers was in their form of funeral eulogies. Women were not recognized for hard work or piety until after death.

The "Cult of True Womanhood" emerged after the Civil War. Women were now expected to be the redeemers of men. They were envisioned as passionless and were taught to reject sexuality. Male physicians of the period supported this view with "scientific evidence." British physician William Acton claimed that women were passionless as a part of nature's plan to keep men in check.

Women have not always accepted the role handed to them by men. Lucy Stone, a woman's rights advocate and abolitionist in the 19th Century, refuted the idea that the

Bible called for women to be submissive. Instead, she went to college and studied Greek and Hebrew in order to read the Bible in its original form.

Stone is also known for marrying Henry Blackwell while retaining her maiden name. Stone and Blackwell traveled thirty miles to be married by a priest who would read the marriage ceremony without the term "obey."

Today, women continue to fight against the standards set for them in society. For example, women are increasingly becoming police officers, firefighters and entering the military. Now because of one woman's struggle others can enter the Citadel.

In response to critics of the girl who dropped out of the Citadel after gaining entrance, the media overlooked the males who left.

Not every woman is capable of succeeding in these professions but the same is true of men. It is not a gender issue. It depends on the individual. Our society tends to teach



Molly Pitcher

children stereotypical notions as far as sexual roles and discourages men and women from entering certain professions.

Fortunately, this practice is declining but it is still present.

Today, women have much more freedom due to the efforts of these pioneers. Women now enter the work force, they earn college degrees, and participate in politics.

It has taken women a long time to earn their standing in society. Only 73-years-ago, women were granted the right to vote.

The right to vote was granted due to the individual efforts of women

and the unification of various women whose names may never be famous. Their voices were raised in hopes of freedom for all women. Standing in front of the White House, their battle cry was, "Mr. President, what will you do for women suffrage? And how long must women wait for liberty?"

The struggle is not over, women must continue to fight for what they believe. We celebrate Women's History Month to recognize the efforts of those who came before us and to encourage others to make a lasting impact in American society and history.



OVER the EDGE

By Steve Ball
el Don Editor In Chief

Motorists who speed on
Ortega Highway take big
chances and pay big fines

Ortega Highway is one of the most beautiful roads in Orange County, and it is also one of the deadliest.

The highway starts in the Green rolling hills of the Capistrano Valley, where the road is relatively straight and level. As the asphalt ribbon stretches into the Cleveland National Forest, it becomes increasingly steeper and winding. The scenery varies from quiet oak filled clearings to majestic steep canyons and mountain walls. Granite boulders, some the size of a small house, line the highway and steep canyons below.

The attributes that make this scenic drive so appealing to the eye also contribute to its deadly reputation. Some of the locals refer to the highway as "blood alley." One particular stretch that winds through a rock lined valley is dubbed "ricochet alley," because of the high number of accidents where cars bounce off the canyon wall into the valley below.

Although Ortega Highway is not the deadliest road in the county, (Santiago Canyon Road holds this title) your chances of survival are greatly diminished by the steep terrain of the area.

Many times cars have gone over the edge and not been found for days or weeks. For example: a San Clemente man was reported missing in early December of 1992; his remains were found in his car in the middle of February. Recently a San Juan Capistrano woman failed to return from a shopping excursion in Elsinore on a Tuesday, her husband found her body two days later using a chartered helicopter to search the canyon.

Stories like these are not uncommon to Ortega Highway for two reasons. The first, most obvious reason is that the canyon below cannot be seen from the road, and areas of thick brush that could easily hide a car. According to California Highway Patrol officer, Steve Miles the CHP is constantly looking for tell-tale signs that a car has gone over the side, skid marks' tire tracks and damaged trees.

Secondly the area is a favorite spot to dump stolen and junker cars. Several times each year CHP and rescue teams waste time checking these sites. When they receive a report of a wreck, officers call a tow-truck, hike down the steep ravines and, "Hopefully not find a body," Miles said. More often than not only to find an abandoned wreck at the bottom.

Every few years the Forest Service and the Highway Patrol team up to remove the rusted hulks that have accumulated. In between the clean-ups the abandoned cars are painted with a red-X to help distinguish these cars from real accidents.

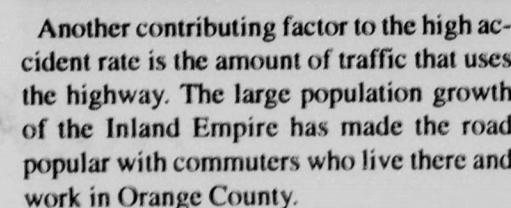
According to the Highway Patrol, the majority of accidents are caused by excessive speeds, driving under the influence, unsafe turns and passing illegally, in that order.

The deadly nature of the road has earned it the distinction of being one of three roads in the state where special fines have been imposed to help slow drivers, or at least get their attention (Ortega is the only road in Southern Cal.).

Gov. Wilson signed a bill that designates part of the highway as a "double-fine" zone. For infractions such as speeding or passing unsafely the penalty will be raised to the next highest category. For misdemeanor drunk-driving the fine is doubled.



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in accidents. This past weekend a 37-year-old cyclist died after losing control while traveling at about 75 miles per hour on Ortega. According to officer Miles, the same man had been in court on Friday regarding a speeding ticket ... on Ortega Highway.

TOP: CHP officer Steve Miles writes a ticket on Ortega Highway.
CENTER: One of the many pick-up trucks that use the highway.
BOTTOM: Motorcyclists stop to take in the view from "The Look out."

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Cup-a-Joe

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Local fanzine, Beyond the Wall of Injustice, presents International Women's Day Celebration at Koo's Arts Cafe.

If you want to get involved in the feminist movement, but don't know where to start, don't miss this. It's a convention of sorts for feminists. Female publishers, musicians and organization leaders are coming together to promote the movement.

Poets and speakers scheduled to appear are Paloma, of Pomona's Nuna Fanzine, Nicole, of Huntington Beach's Odd Grrl Out Zine, Jackie Joice from Long Beach, Bonnie Lin from San Gabriel, Megan, of

Pasadena's Food Not Bombs and Debbie of the Riot Grrrls, Orange County Chapter.

The bands Saturnine, God's Algorithm, Peter Pan's Army, Madigan, U.X.A. and Omnibus will play the living room throughout the evening.

Refreshments include delicious vegetarian/vegan foods and deserts from around the world made by women.

The festival is Sunday, March 23 starting at 1 p.m. A \$5 donation is strongly suggested. Koo's Arts Cafe is located on Main St. between 17th and Washington Streets.

Free Stuff

RSC'S SPRINGFEST '97

Spring is almost here and given the recent weather conditions Summer is well on the way. Shake those end-of-Winter blues by celebrating Spring Fest '97.

Even if you're not Irish, wear green on Monday, March 17 for St. Patrick's sake. ASG is sponsoring lunch time activities and are giving away a free, green, virgin margarita to every student wearing green.

On Tuesday it's a lunchtime Ice Cream Brigade. Wednesday evening you can groove to a live band at the northeast corner of the Johnson Center.

The fun wraps up on Thursday, March 20 with a barbecue. All activities are free with a current student I.D.

-Theresa Hudzinski

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The three faces of

RSC's

Tommy

Unlike the movie version, the RSC musical production focuses on the story of the deaf, dumb and blind pinball wizard

By Chris Ceballos
el Don Style Editor

It's been described as the most ambitious musical production in the theatre arts department's history.

The award winning Artistic Director of the Musical Theatre Company, Beth Hanson brings the classic rock-opera "The Who's Tommy" to RSC this month.

The musical production opening tonight is completely different from the movie.

"Ken Russel's film was very visual. It was more spectacle than story," Hanson said.

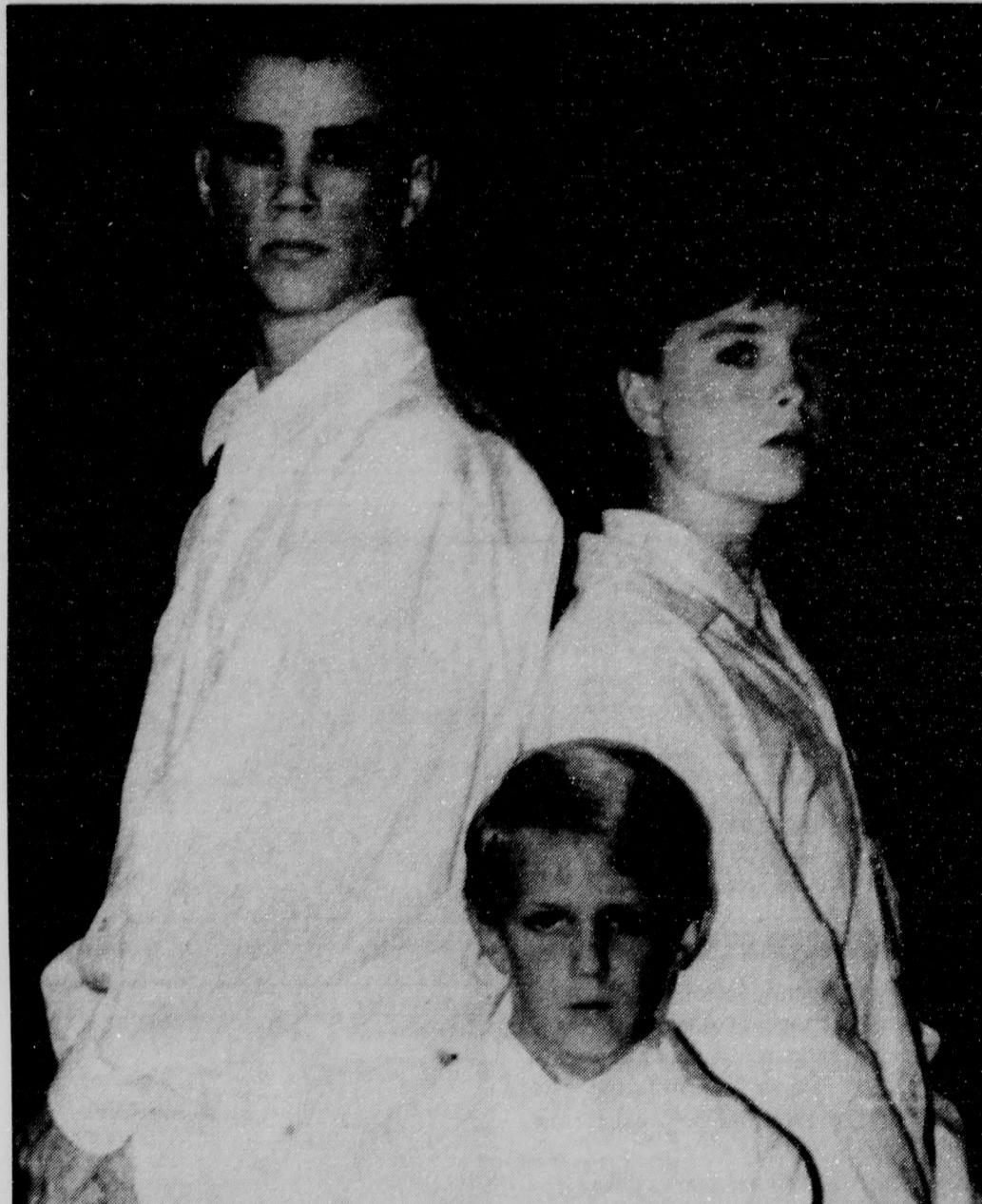
"Tommy" is a social commentary on politics, the medical profession, the media and the treatment of children.

In the story, Tommy becomes blind, deaf and dumb after witnessing a murder in his home. Throughout his young life, Tommy is abused sexually, physically and emotionally. As a young adult Tommy discovers pinball and becomes a virtuoso of the game.

Such a complex story set to a rock n' roll score would prove daunting to a professional theatre troupe. "It's a huge undertaking," Hanson said. "I believe my cast has risen to the task. (The cast consists of) seasoned professionals and people who have never been in a show before."

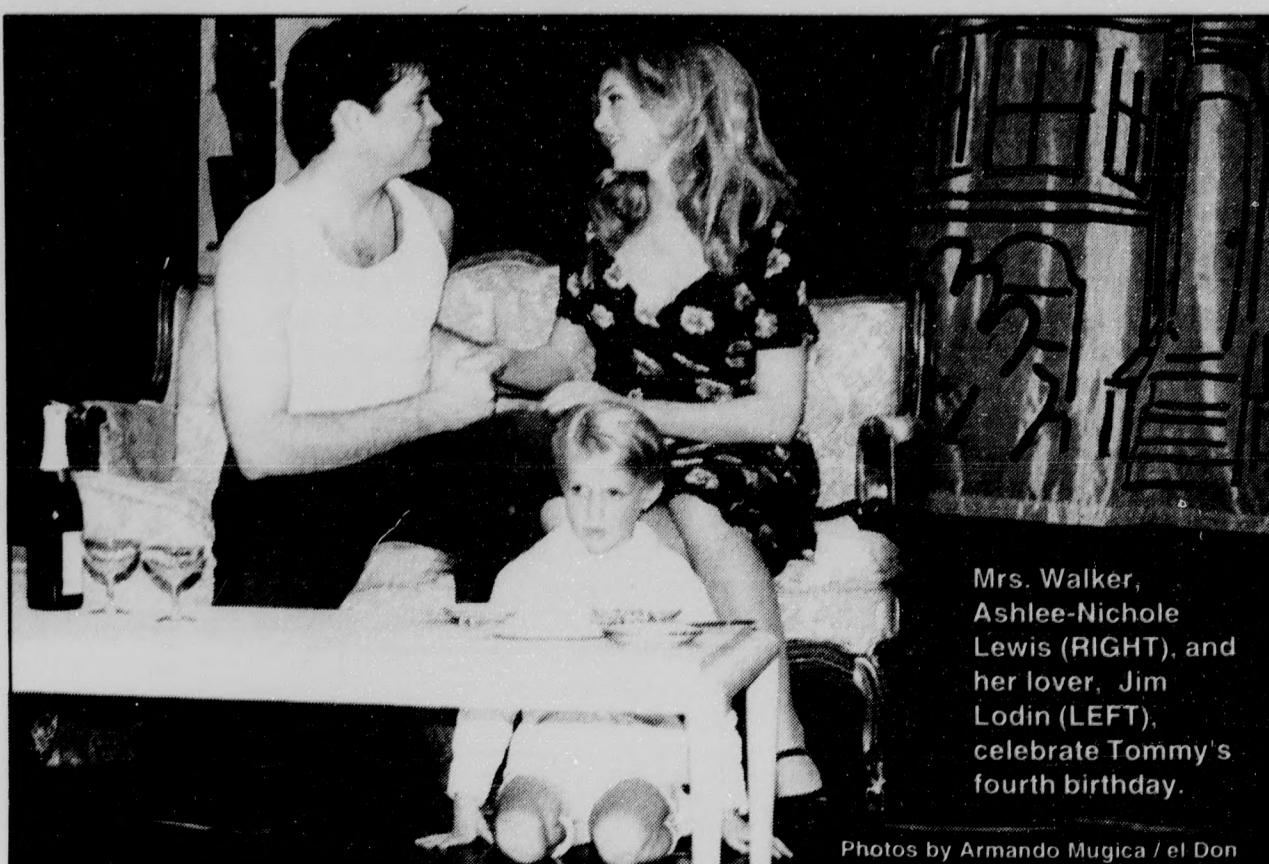
Hanson has proven her directing talents. Her production of "Sunday At the Park With George" won seven Drama-Logue awards, including Best Production.

Hanson admits she's a demanding director. "I'm sure (the cast) respects me. I'm not so sure they like me," she jokes. "If you don't reach for the stars, you don't get them."



ABOVE: (Clockwise from top) Eric Potter plays the grown Tommy, Samara Taylor plays 10-year-old Tommy and Jeffery Cramer plays 4-year-old Tommy.

WHAT: The Who's Tommy: the musical
WHEN: March 14, 15 and 20 to 22 at 8 p.m. March 16 and 23 at 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: Phillips Hall, Santa Ana campus
HOW MUCH: \$10 general admission and \$8 for students, senior citizens and staff



Mrs. Walker, Ashlee-Nichole Lewis (RIGHT), and her lover, Jim Lodin (LEFT), celebrate Tommy's fourth birthday.

Photos by Armando Mugica / *el Don*

AMERICAN DREAMERS

Food: Jose and Rita Lupericio find success with their Garden Grove, Mexican restaurant.

By Elvira Weigold
el Don Staff Writer

Sssss, the sizzling sounds overtake the rhythmic tunes as the raw beef for the asada touches the hot grill. It's this smokey aroma that greets the hungry patrons entering Fiesta Mex.

Restauranteurs Jose and Rita Lupericio, owners of Fiesta Mex understand the dichotomy in Orange County between those who eat with their consciences and those who feed their taste buds. So they offer healthy, homemade specialties with an authentic flare.

The carnitas for instance, traditionally chunks of pork fried crispy on the outside and tender on the inside are not fried at all at Fiesta Mex. He lean pork is seasoned in the same way with garlic, salt, cumin, orange juice, the Lupericio's special touch, and is then steamed perfectly retaining its rich flavor without the fat of frying.

Lupericio, who began as a waiter in a Japanese restaurant, in Palo Alto, has no formal training as a chef. Working his way to management, he learned all the tedious details and was approached with the idea of opening an establishment by his brother-in-law.

"I thought it was a great idea," Lupericio said. "He would cook, and I understood all the paperwork."

It seemed like a great idea until two-weeks before their eatery was to open. His brother-in-law skipped out of town and left Lupericio with everything but a menu.

"I didn't know how to cook, so we struggled at first ... all the recipes are ours," he said pointing to his wife Rita behind the counter. Today, the Lupericos have many



recipes not yet on the menu. They plan to begin introducing the items as daily specials.

A savory favorite on the menu is the blackened rub consisting of garlic, salt, chiles, lemon, and a concoction he refers to as "grandmother's spices." But Lupericio won't reveal what they are. The rub is used to prepare

blackened entrees such as chicken and fish, much like it is done in the South. The meat is cooked in a dry cast-iron skillet, but is not charred or burned.

Fiesta Mex serves seafood dishes also. Choices range from Mojarra, whole fried fish which is crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside, to shrimp cocktail

Photos by Armando Mugica / el Don

ABOVE: Cook Rutilio Vasquez and owner Jose Lupericio serve up good food.

LEFT: The Fiesta Mex eatery is easy to miss when driving down Chapman.

served in a cold red broth with cubed tomatoes and onion, chopped cilantro, lime, and a splash of hot sauce.

"My seafood dishes are selling a little slow, but I understand. We've only been in business for three months and I know I wouldn't walk into a place and order seafood the first time. One orders the basics... and if that's good, I'll try the seafood," Lupericio said.

Lupericio's philosophy is simple, keep things fresh. "If my seafood is fresh it's going to taste better, my customers are going to be happy, and I'll sell more," he said. He prefers making a smaller profit on each sale but making it up on volume.

All of Fiesta Mex's specialties and combination plates come with rice, beans and salad. Prices for

these range from \$4.65 to \$7. Huge burritos stuffed with a choice of meat, beans and cheese can be ordered wet or dry and cost between \$3.45 and \$4.50. A variety of tortas sell for \$3.45 each.

For the health conscious, meals are prepared using vegetable oil. Vegetarian dishes like nachos with beans, Chipotle cream sauce, salsa, and sour cream are available for \$3.45.

Luree Thomas, a subcontractor and a "taco freak" said, "Anytime I'm at the convention center, I'm here." She places her order of three carne asada tacos, a la carte, with guacamole then steps to the side where she fills "to-go" containers with red and green salsa, and jalapenos.

"The guacamole is great," she said, then tilted her head back to take in a wedge of jalapeno.

Rita and Jose prepare the tomato salsa everyday, never allowing it to sit for more than 36 hours. The red and green salsas, because of the heavy chile base, are made every other day.

They also pickle crunchy jalapenos with round slices of carrots and onions in vinegar, salt, oregano, and other ingredients that make the mouth water.

Other garnishes are leafy cilantro, diced onion, dried oregano, crushed red pepper, and lime triangles.

Carrot and orange juice are squeezed on order and Liquados, a shake-like drink consisting of milk, fresh fruit, and ice, are priced at about \$2.

Fiesta Mex serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven-days a week in a clean, casual, 800 square-foot storefront. The menu is reasonably priced and has something for everyone.

Located at 12053 Chapman Ave., at West St., in Garden Grove, Fiesta Mex is happy to accommodate any request. The menu says, "We love special orders ... tell us what you want."

Live Wires

ROCKIN' THE CLUBS

Feeling violent? Suicidal Tendencies is playing the Glass House in Pomona. It's a cage and the mosh pit should be deadly. *Friday, 3/14.*

Real ska takes over the Glass House the next night with Fishbone and the Skeletones. *3/15* Both shows are all ages. Call (714) 665-7739.

John Easdale and Mark "Mr. E. Boy" Englert, formerly of Dramarama, invade Linda's Doll Hut in Anaheim. *Saturday, 3/15. \$6, 21+* Call (714) 533-1286.

Sonic Youth fans have cause to rejoice. *Smile** plays the living room at Koo's Arts Cafe in Santa Ana. *Saturday, 3/15 \$5, ALL AGES* Call (714) 648-0937.

Mr. "Bad-to-the-Bone" George Thorogood rocks the Galaxy in Santa Ana. *Thursday, 3/20. ALL AGES* Call (714) 957-1133.

Support the theatre arts. Attend the Big Ska Fest at Esperanza High School in Anaheim. My Superhero, Jefferies Fanclub and Ivy League are scheduled to play.

Saturday, 3/22. \$5, ALL AGES
Call (714) 701-0209.

Ex-Go-Go, Jane Weiland, brings her new band Frosted to the Rhino Room in Huntington Beach. *Saturday, 3/22. 21+* Call (714) 892-3316.

Can't get in to see No Doubt? Save Ferris is better and avoids the arena in Fullerton's the Backally. Opening the show is Home Grown.

Thursday, 3/27. \$10, ALL AGES Call (714) 991-2055.

Food fights are your thing? Ska freaks the Aquabats play La Vida Roadhouse in Carbon Canyon.

Thursday, 3/27. \$7, ALL AGES Call (714) 996-0720.

What are you waiting for? Tickets are on sale now for Social Distortion. It's the Hootenanny festival at the Oak Canyon Ranch in Irvine. Call (714) 740-2000.



Mr. E. Boy

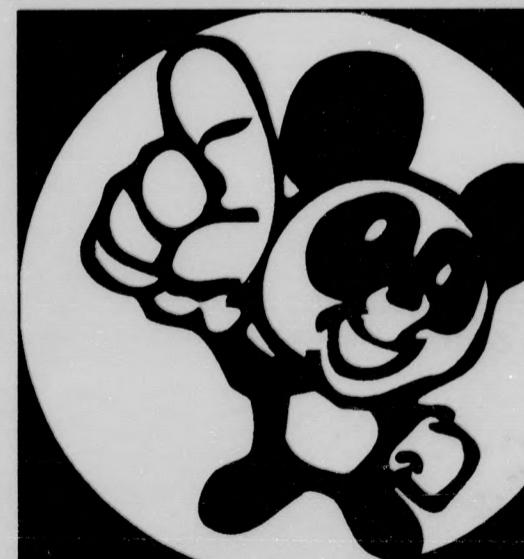
BUELLER, BUELLER

"Reel Big Fish" is singing about it on KROQ. "No Doubt" did it at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim. And if the major record labels have anything to do with it, "Save Ferris" (a local ska/pop/swing band) will sell out too.

The six piece band from Anaheim took the grand prize at the national finals of the Grammy Showcase last month. In addition to the national attention, "Save Ferris" is getting \$25,000 worth of recording studio time. Their next CD should be outrageous considering the quality of their seven song debut CD (which cost \$4,000 for 24 hours).

Some people say they sound like "No Doubt." While they both play pop driven ska tunes and have gutsy female lead singers, "Save Ferris" isn't ashamed of their horn players like "No Doubt."

Test Spin



The 'Save Ferris' symbol of coolness

"No Doubt" doesn't include their horn players as band members and hides them at the back of the stage near the drummer. "Save Ferris" is much better live and you can still see them in concert halls where you can actually see them. If you decide to go, be prepared to be overwhelmed by hordes of preteens dressed in chinos, wing-

tips, driving caps and anything plaid while they dance the "pogo."

NEW RELEASES

An eclectic mix of records hit the shops in the next few weeks.

MARCH 18:

Helmet - After Taste
The Simpsons - Songs In the Key of Springfield

Aerosmith - 9 Lives

MARCH 25:

Notorious B.I.G. - Life After Death
Dinosaur Jr. - Hand It Over
Warren G - Take a Look Over Your Shoulder

Queensryche - Hear In the Now

Mathew Sweet - Blue Sky on Mars
Rollins Band - Come In and Burn

George Thorogood - Rockin' My Life Away

IN APRIL:

Cyndi Lauper - Sisters of Avalon
Pennywise - Full Circle
Voodoo Glow Skulls - Baile de Los Locos

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Guns don't kill but people do

In the wake of last week's shoot-out between the LAPD and bank robbers in North Hollywood, it is amazing how quick some are to criticize the actions of the police. In particular the Special Investigative Section of the LAPD, a unit that keeps suspected bad guys under surveillance in order to catch them in the act.

Critics have dubbed the SIS, "The Death Squad," "Cowboys" and "trigger-happy." It should be pointed out however, these critics are defense attorneys, personal injury attorneys and family members of the criminals. Many times the SIS is accused of vigilante actions killing the innocent.

The incident in North Hollywood is an example of the disregard for human life, whether that life is a police officer or bystander, that this type of violent criminal exhibits. It also demonstrates the dangers our peace officers face in the course of protecting the public. The first LAPD units to respond were armed with hand guns and protected by "bullet proof" vests. The opposition was armed with fully-automatic assault rifles, loaded with armor-piercing rounds and wearing full-body-armor.

It is ironic that the LAPD had to go to a local gun shop to find firepower, equal to that of the criminals.

The real issue is a legal system that allows a slap on the hand for possessing illegal weapons. The two men in last week's fire-fight with the LAPD were arrested and convicted three years ago for possessing similar weapons... they served 90 days in jail. Partial blame lies with the NRA and similar groups who decry attempts to ban assault weapons and armor piercing ammo.

When was the last time you saw a deer or a duck wearing a flak vest or riding in an armored personnel carrier?



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Those who are using Phen-Fen and other similar diet pills have more to worry about than just buying a smaller dress size, but many doctors may not say so.

Phen-Fen, a combination of two drugs, fenfluramine and phentermine, is designed for obese patients who are at risk of developing diabetes or hypertension, or who are at least 30 percent over their ideal body weight.

Redux, a newer refined version of Phen-Fen, is similar but made from dexfenfluramine, a combination of levofenfluramine and fenfluramine.

These drugs speed up the body's metabolism and decrease the appetite by allowing the brain's nerve cells to release more serotonin, a neurotransmitter, causing patients to feel full and satisfied, thus craving less food.

"Obesity is a medical condition," physician Pietr Hitzig said. "It's a deficiency of a neurotransmitter, just as diabetes is a deficiency of insulin."

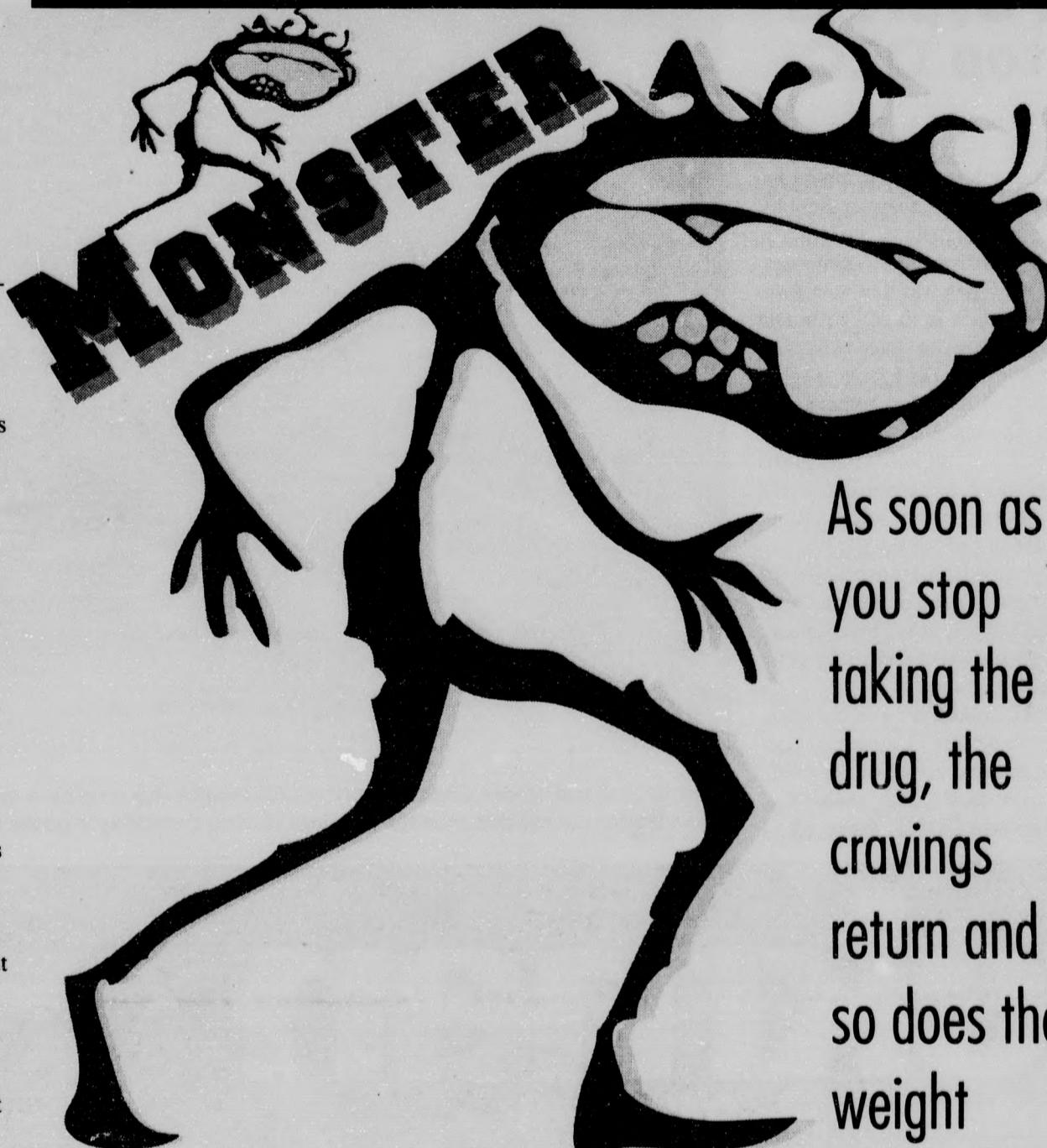
Lewis S. Seiden, a pharmacologist at the University of Chicago, said the drugs are intended for seriously obese people, "my worry is it's going to be taken by people who are just 10-20 pounds overweight and the benefits are not worth the risk."

Anyone who feels they need to lose weight can see a doctor about Phen-Fen. It sounds like a fairly simple way to shed the pounds, but simplicity has become the problem. There are millions of Phen-Fen patients out there and it is highly unlikely that every patient fits into the category of those it was designed for. It is not uncommon to find an average 5 foot 7 inch, 135 pound woman taking diet pills because she thinks she is overweight.

The fact is that doctors are free to prescribe Phen-Fen or Redux to anyone who wants to lose weight, feel good about themselves, and are willing to fork over some money, even if they only want to

FIGHTING THE PHEN-FEN

BY STACY BUSH



As soon as you stop taking the drug, the cravings return and so does the weight

lose five or ten pounds. Phen-Fen patients pay an average of \$20 a week for their pills.

Doctors should teach good health habits, not just hand out Phen-Fen to their demanding patients.

Experts agree that it is important to weigh the risks of taking diet drugs against the benefits of weight loss.

A rare but deadly side effect, primary pulmonary hypertension (PPH), is a disease which destroys the blood vessels in the lungs and heart. According to research done by the New England Journal of Medicine, cases of PPH are uncommon, and they have only documented two to 55 cases per million a year.

But that should be two too

many, especially for people who are not at risk of a medical condition as the result of being overweight. All doctors prescribing Phen-Fen should be given strict guidelines to follow and be required to adhere to them or suffer the consequences. They should always follow the 30% over ideal body weight guideline, or plan a diet and exercise

program with their patients first, using drugs only as a last resort. Doctors should be knowledgeable enough about the drug to clearly explain any potential risks to their patients. But apparently they are not, or there wouldn't be millions of people taking it.

One patient on Phen-Fen said that she dropped her clothes off at the cleaners one day and never picked them up because she could not remember where they were left.

Other users complained of losing their train of thought, not being able to sleep, or feeling shaky. Some have even said that for the first few days, Phen-Fen made them feel like they were on speed.

Redux is supposed to have milder side effects than Phen-Fen, although dexfenfluramine has been linked to extensive brain damage in squirrels and monkeys.

The more the drugs are prescribed — especially to patients it is not designed for — the greater the risk of even the most uncommon side effects, including PPH and brain damage. This is not a risk that patients, or doctors, should be taking.

Countless men and women have poor self image, and everyone can pin-point their own imperfections, but those considering taking diet pills should not look at the drug as an easy way out. Besides, as soon as you stop taking the drug, the cravings return and so does the weight.

Advertisements for diet pills such as Phen-Fen and Redux can be found almost anywhere, including newspapers, magazines and posters, even on telephone poles. This should be enough reason to be weary shouldn't it?

Anything that claims to make you lose weight fast, and look great is desperately trying to get your attention.

If you need to lose weight, see a doctor you can trust, not one out of the newspaper. The new diet pills are not all they are built up to be, and your doctor should be the one to tell you so.

MAIL BOX

SANTIAGO CANYON RUMORS

Every student at Rancho Santiago knows that the Santa Ana campus and the Orange campus will split into two separate colleges. But how many students know about the details of the changes to come? Rumors have been circulating around the school, saying that the Orange Campus will raise the tuition when it becomes Santiago Canyon College.

If this rumor is true, then how will it affect the students financially? Will students who can't afford to pay the new tuition be forced to commute to other community colleges? If the two colleges belong to the same district do students have to pay for two parking permits and two health service fees to attend both colleges?

Many decisions about the future of Rancho are being discussed and there isn't much being said to the student body about it. Should the students of Rancho go on uninformed about the choices that will affect their lives? In order to keep students notified, I ask that a brief article of some sort be published every month in the el Don.

Rachel Castillo, student

LAPD NEEDS BIGGER AMMO

Recently, during the North Hollywood shoot-out, the Los Angeles Police Department was held back by the bank robbers because they were carrying semiautomatic weapons. The police couldn't advance, due to the fact that they didn't have enough firepower to retaliate.

I'm writing this letter to voice my opinions. They should be able to carry weapons that will protect them, for example a .45 caliber hand gun instead of a 9mm.

The police didn't have a chance. If they had more firepower they could have ended the shoot-out quicker than they did. The news is reporting that Chief Willie Williams is stalling to pass a bill that will allow officers to carry more firepower.

The officers want to carry a semiautomatic weapon as well as a .45 caliber hand gun.

In New York, the has ordered two million rounds of a hollow tip bullet, that can penetrate through bullet proof vests, also known as "cop killers."

If its good enough for the New York Police Department, it should be good enough for the LAPD.

Jose Guzman, student

DO OUR COUNSELORS NEED COUNSELING?

It seems that sometimes certain counselors at Rancho Santiago College can be a little bit too helpful. It also seems that these counselors have missed the whole purpose for which a junior college is designed; to provide an inexpensive way to transfer to a different college. In my experience at this junior college I have talked with counselors that try to convince me to take classes that I do not need. Counselors could help themselves and the students much more if they supported students that are eager to finish-up and move on, instead of wasting their time with wasteful and meaningless classes.

Jimmy Murphy, student

HISPANICS REALLY DO VOTE

Re: "Sanchez counters Dornan's charges" el Don, Feb. 20

In response to the issue concerning Loretta Sanchez committing fraud on the 1996 election, I believe that is all fabricated by Robert Dornan and his supporters. Republican Robert Dornan was discontented over losing the position in congress to a Hispanic woman which makes him a sour loser.

He cannot face the fact that he lost to

an unknown, first-time candidate, Hispanic woman. In actuality, Hispanics are coming out to vote at a very high percentage rate and so he

believes that Herman and a Mexican Nacional must have done something illegal to get us to vote. The purpose of this non-profit organization was to make us aware that it is necessary to let our voice be heard and that we do make a difference.

Mirna E. Zamora, student

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL

Re: "Sanchez counters Dornan's charges" el Don, Feb. 20

I believe that the election between Sanchez and Dornan was honest. I can understand all the fuss due to Sanchez being the first Mexican-American woman to achieve such a high position here in the history of America.

But it doesn't give the right to condemn someone with such bias and so viciously.

The truth will prevail and justice will be heard.

Espanza Ayala, student

EBONICS: MISUNDERSTOOD

The staff editorial in the Feb. 7 issue of the el Don concerning Ebonics illustrates the general lack of knowledge of the issue raised by the Oakland school district trustees. The editorial was wrong in its interpretation of the Board's action to teach Ebonics to the Oakland school children. The Board action was to teach the teachers so as to give the teachers the skills to work with the children so that the children could make the transition to standard English.

The editorial's author has made the same mistake that others have made in relying on uninformative comments from people not familiar with the issue. Spike Lee is a talented filmmaker and his comments may be appropriate; but, I would like to suggest another Spike Lee-ism: "Do the right thing."

Gary Murph, vice chancellor business and fiscal services

I DON'T GET IT

Re: "Black History Month" Feb. 7

I don't understand why there is a month devoted to the blacks? What about the whites? Why don't we have a white history month and place it on the front page of the el Don?

Vanessa Witenko, student

Sports

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RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE el Don

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Rancho leaves 'em breathless

Dons roll past Cypress 11-7, alone a top OEC

By Cliff Mason
el Don Staff Writer

Josh Reding needed just one chance to redeem himself after being the recipient of two of Rancho Santiago's six errors in their 11-7 triumph over the Cypress Chargers.

That chance came in the bottom of the 8th. The bases were loaded and two were out when Reding doubled to center field, to drive in the Dons' last two runs.

"That was a perfect situation," Reding said. "I made a couple of errors and I got a chance to make up for them."

The Chargers scored two runs in the top of the first. Then the Dons rallied in the bottom half of the inning to score five runs of their own.

That was the second straight Orange Empire Conference game that the (19-1-1, 6-0) Dons had put on a first inning attack to leave their opponents in a state of shock. On

March 6, they scored six runs against previously unbeaten Saddleback in the first inning before they went on to batter them 18-1.

The Dons dismantled Saddleback, who until then was tied with them for first place in the OEC. In that game the Dons had three players hit home runs. Charlie Marino, sophomore, hit a three-run homer in the fifth. Kevin Duck and Kevin Burford both hit home runs in the sixth inning. Matt Ward collected his fourth win, while Ryan Blackmun had the save.

"Our goal is to get as many wins as we can as soon as we can," said Don Sneddon, RSC head coach. "We go out there and try to get a run every inning."

RSC, ranked No. 1 in the state, has won its last 11 games to conclude the first round of the OEC. However, their game against Cy-

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Jason Wilks / el Don

Sophomore outfielder Charlie Marino (22) awaits the umpire's call as fellow teammate Chad Baum (26) slides into home plate during Saturday's game with the Cypress Chargers.

Duckman

A westward move leaves RSC with a superhero of its own . . . Kevin Duck

By Cliff Mason
el Don Staff Writer

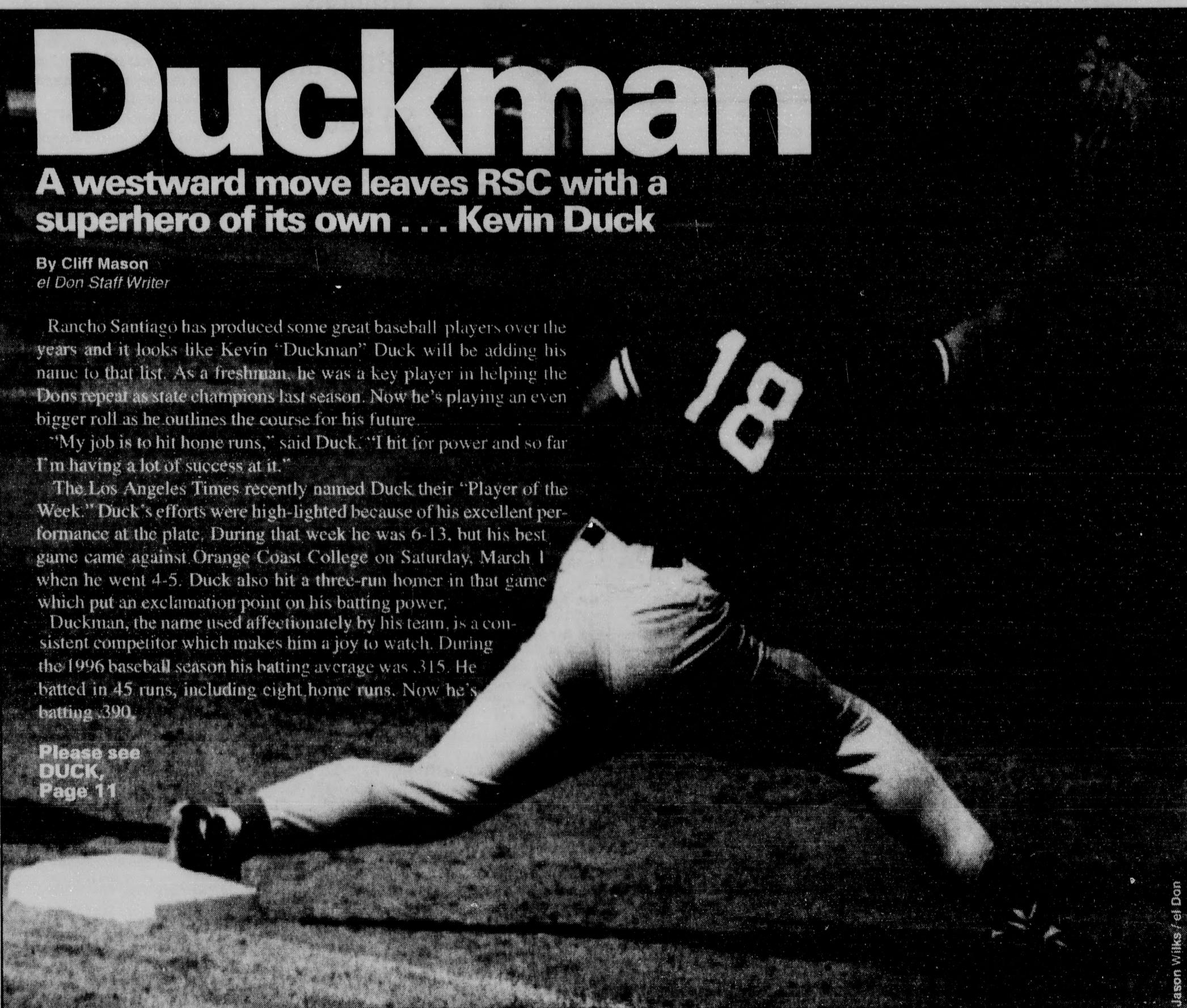
Rancho Santiago has produced some great baseball players over the years and it looks like Kevin "Duckman" Duck will be adding his name to that list. As a freshman, he was a key player in helping the Dons repeat as state champions last season. Now he's playing an even bigger role as he outlines the course for his future.

"My job is to hit home runs," said Duck. "I hit for power and so far I'm having a lot of success at it."

The Los Angeles Times recently named Duck their "Player of the Week." Duck's efforts were highlighted because of his excellent performance at the plate. During that week he was 6-13, but his best game came against Orange Coast College on Saturday, March 1 when he went 4-5. Duck also hit a three-run homer in that game which put an exclamation point on his batting power.

Duckman, the name used affectionately by his team, is a consistent competitor which makes him a joy to watch. During the 1996 baseball season his batting average was .315. He batted in 45 runs, including eight home runs. Now he's batting .390.

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Jason Wilks / el Don

Remmel's key double rallies Dons to victory

Theresa Hudzinski
el Don Sports Editor

In a game plagued with questioned umpire calls, the RSC women's softball team triumphed over the Irvine Valley Lasers in a 10 inning 3-2 win.

The Dons came on strong with pitcher Sheryl Anderson's run in the first inning, but the Lasers answered the call as Gina Medina scored in the third.

Going defense to defense, both teams kept the other from scoring, matching might with might. Several times both coaches discussed calls with the umpires but to no avail.

Music blaring and the fans ready for some action, the Dons came alive with a fury in the sixth, and it was one, two, and three outs for Irvine Valley with no player successfully getting on base.

Once again the Lasers were up to the challenge and battled the Dons until the 10th inning when Laurett Rivera scored for Irvine Valley.

Hope was not lost for the Dons when catcher Selena Aquino's base hit brought utility player Monica Chavarria home for a tying run. And with an error in outfield by Irvine, the Dons were pumped up and looking towards the road to victory.

Bases were loaded in the bottom of the 10th, Cari Remmel's double brought in the winning run. "I was relaxed at bat, not nervous at all," Remmel said. "But once I hit that ball I was so excited, I knew we could score."

Strong team performances by all players left them with the win. "The defense was



Don Dixon / el Don

Cari Remmel

solid throughout the game, and everyone played well," Coach Kim Nutter said.

Early in the season, Nutter said her heavy hitters could create a late inning rally if the game was close, and they proved it in this game.

Anderson pitched the entire game striking six Irvine players out, backed by the strength of catcher Aquino. Chavarria's had three stolen bases, the team was able to stay in the fight.

"It was a good team win," Aquino said. "We stuck together." The team win bettered the Dons overall record to 14-12.

Throughout the game Nutter yelled from the sidelines, "Rancho, who wants it more?" It was evident, RSC did.

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and even though it's only halfway into their conference season, he already has seven home runs. Duck is also leading the Orange Empire Conference in RBIs with 34.

"I'm feeling real good right now; our whole team is playing well," he said, "If we keep it up I think we have a shot at another state title."

Duck moved to California from Rochester, New York 11 years ago. His father received a transfer and it brought his family to Southern California. Whether it was fate or just a coincidence that was Duckman's lucky break. This is where he first took an interest in baseball.

"This is the best place to play baseball," he said. "There is a lot more opportunity here than in New York."

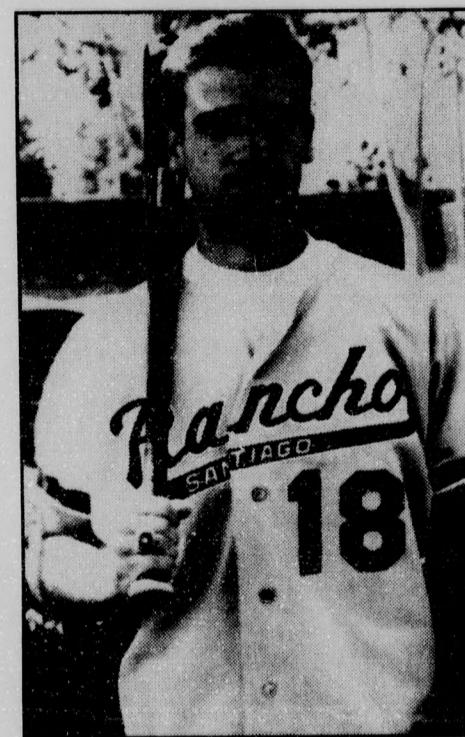
In 1995 Duck was first team All-Sea View League at Woodbridge High in Irvine. He was also a recipient of the Golden Glove Award. However, it was his tour with an Australian tournament team that inspired him the most. The tournament team was a wood bat Winter Scout League organized by the Seattle "Mariners."

"They (Australians) were not as competitive as we were, but it sure was a lot of fun," Duck said. "They still have a long ways to go."

What I thought was really neat was how all their players were asking us for our autographs, that makes you feel good."

That tour must have been the signal Duck needed to steady his course and focus on his career. At the end of last sea-

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son, he was drafted by the Houston "Astros," with the option to finish his sophomore year. And he recently signed a letter of intent to attend California State Fullerton, and he will receive a full scholarship if he decides to attend. No Matter what his decision, his direction will take him where he wants to go. And he alone holds the key to his own destiny.

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RSC pitcher Tim Larsen (34), from Cypress High School, fires the ball during the Dons 11-7 victory over Cypress.

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press was a nail biter.

Although the Dons got 11 runs on 16 hits, it was the accumulation of six errors that nearly cost them the game. They led 8-2 after three innings, but by the end of the sixth the score was 8-6. The Chargers' Randy Case finished off the sixth with Cypress's second home run of the day which left the Dons desperately trying to protect their lead.

"Those errors were not typical in a game of this magnitude, we just broke down defensively," Sneddon said.

Going into the bottom of the eighth inning, the Dons were clinging to an 8-7 lead as the Chargers had scored one more run on a single by Nahum Renteria. That was the wake-up call that RSC needed. They put their highest earned run average in the OEC into action for another exciting rally.

Eric Sobek led off with a base hit. He was followed by Burford with a base hit. Then, with two on base and no outs, Cypress brought in Brian Greene to replace Ron Aparicio on the mound.

The Dons' first man to face Greene was Duck, who drove in one run on a sacrifice fly. Greene

"Our goal is to get as many wins as we can as soon as we can ... We go out there and try to get a run every inning."

-Don Sneddon,
Head Coach

walked RSC freshman Rick Gonzalez, and was already in a hole with one out and runners on first and third. Freshman Joe Hurk, singled to left field and the bases were loaded still with one out.

RSC's next man to face Greene struck out. That set the stage for Reding, with the bases loaded and two outs, he doubled to center field driving in two more runs, showing the poise and courage of last year's state championship team in which he was such a dominant player.

"It was a tough pitch but it fell right in the right spot," Reding said.

The Dons were nursing a 11-7 lead going into the top of the ninth, but the Chargers had only one man get on base.

The Dons will travel to Fullerton College Saturday. Then on Tuesday, Rancho will host the Hornets. Thursday, RSC will again be home against Riverside College.



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Roper Morris, Chris Moscoe, Andy Clark, Rene Rendez, Sean Redwine, and David Montgomery.

DONS TEE IT UP

After a slow start, RSC is up to par



Roper Morris

By Stacy Bush
el Don Staff Writer

RSC's golf team is in full swing as they enter the Orange Empire Conference. Although the Dons initially had a slow start, the team is 8-4 and on par to make the OEC finals.

Coach Dick Gorrie has a good team this year, with three returning players and three newcomers, giving the Dons balance, along with a backbone for next year.

Andy Clark and Sean Redwine are the team's strongest freshmen while returning sophomores Roper Morris and Chris Moscoe help support Rancho with their experience.

"Our strength comes from our team chemistry," Gorrie said. "We spend a lot of time together when we travel."

Gorrie has been coaching the golf

team since 1983, and assistant coach Tom Shine joined him in 1989. RSC has a well respected golf program, and have been a first division team for the last 10 years.

"Every player has great skill, but our weakness would have to be in course management," Gorrie said, regarding the mentality it takes to play the game.

In a game such as golf, players may feel like individuals out there on the green, but they are playing for their team.

"If it's a bad day, you have to learn how to grind it," he said. "They have to keep in mind they are representing themselves and the college."

One of Gorrie's motto's is to take pride in what you do, and with that, has produced a respectable winning team.

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